

REMARKS:

- 1) The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the following formal matters in the next official communication:
 - a) the Formal Drawings filed on April 20, 2004;
 - b) the foreign priority claim and receipt of the certified copies of the four foreign priority applications, which were filed herein on April 20, 2004; and
 - c) the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 20, 2004.
- 2) The claims have been amended as follows. Claim 4 has been amended to better cover the intended inventive subject matter of the elected embodiment. The amendment is supported in the original disclosure at page 17, lines 15 to 22 and Fig. 11, and thus does not introduce any new matter. Claims 16 to 22 have been canceled. The other claims have been maintained as originally submitted. Entry and consideration of the claim amendment are respectfully requested.
- 3) In response to the Election Requirement, the Species or Embodiment 3 relating to Fig. 10 is hereby elected for examination.
- 4) The claims reading on the elected Embodiment are claims 1, 3 to 6 and 11 to 13. At least independent claim 1 is generic to at least the Embodiments 1 (Fig. 1), 2 (Fig. 7) and 3 (Fig. 10). In the event a generic claim is ultimately found allowable, the

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Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin, consider and allow all dependent claims directed to non-elected species. Thus, if claim 1 or some other generic claim is ultimately found allowable, the present non-elected claims 2, 7 to 10, 14 and 15 should be rejoined.

- 5) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 15, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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